

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 688

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor Floyd and Beverly Sherman upon the occasion of their induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those remarkable professionals who have rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, known far and wide as The World's Greatest Horse Show, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2008, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting a select group of worthy individuals into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration Grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during, "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2008 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Floyd and Beverly Sherman, in recognition of their many years of fielding quality horses in the show ring as owners and exhibitors; and



WHEREAS, stalwart proponents of the breed's advancement and welfare, this dedicated couple has owned and shown world championship horses for more than twenty-eight years, winning seven World Grand Championships and thirty-eight World Championships; and

WHEREAS, following a move to Dallas, Texas, in 1973, the Shermans purchased the Backward S Ranch and became involved with the Tennessee Walking Horse; and

WHEREAS, a skilled amateur rider, Beverly Sherman participated in her first Celebration in 1980, later accomplishing her first Celebration win aboard A Mark for Me and her first World Grand Championship aboard Papa's Smoking Pusher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sherman is active in a variety of walking horse organizations and has served as president of the Southwest Walking Horse Breeders Association, as president of the Big D Charity Horse show, as a member of the National Board of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, and as a member of the TWHNC Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, the accomplished Mr. Sherman is the Chief Executive Officer of Builders FirstSource, one of the five largest suppliers of materials to home builders and contractors in the country. Amassing more than forty years of experience in the building products industry, he served Triangle Pacific/Armstrong Flooring and Triangle Pacific in leadership roles before his current employment with Builders First Source; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are most grateful for the love and companionship they share with their two children, Kelly and Edward; and

WHEREAS, by means of their induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, the Shermans have earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to their lives of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby acknowledge and applaud Floyd and Beverly Sherman, noted owners and exhibitors and staunch supporters of the Tennessee Walking Horse, on the occasion of their induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame



and commend them for their sterling service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.